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ONION CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether area under onion cultivation is likely to increase in the ongoing kharif season;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of likely increase in production; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper storage of such huge production of onion and to maintain its price?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The area under onion cultivation in the ongoing kharif season is expected to increase by 16% and an increase in production is expected by about 20% because of good rains in almost all the kharif onion growing States and prevailing better prices of onion. A statement showing the details of State-wise area and production estimates for current kharif season compared to previous year is annexed as Annexure-I.

(d): Kharif onion harvesting for early planted crop has already started in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. In Maharashtra early crop will start from early September onwards and Gujarat and Rajasthan from October onwards. Major harvesting of kharif onion will be from November onwards. Kharif onion is not to be stored as huge production comes from Rabi season crop which starts harvesting from March end and good quality produce is stored during April-May.